21 Cornhill, Boston,
Dec^{r}. 22^{d}. 1858.

Dear Burleigh,

Yrs. of the 20th, from Huntington, came to hand this morning, Mr. Philbrick happening in soon after, I handed him the account, and he gave me a check for the bal'ce due you, payable to your order. I dislike to take any responsibility about buying a draft and transmitting funds, on your account, to a distant house, and Mr. Philbrick thought with me that I had better not do it, but send the check at once to you, when you could make any

disposition of ~~the~~ it you choose.
Accordingly I enclose herewith
his check for $39.55, the balance
due to you.

The facts, as you give them,
about the Report, are not certainly
as enlivening as we could hope,
but we will keep up a cheerful
courage, and trust for a speedy
issue. You say nothing as to
that somewhat considerable
portion of the Report, (understood
to be completed) which you had
expected to bring to Boston with you,
but which missed meeting you at
Palmer; ~~and~~ this we had supposed
you would recover & send to us for

inspection. — Would it not be the best arrangement, in every point of view, if you could pretermit lecturing for the space of a couple of weeks, & so be able to pursue the Report-writing continuously & uninterruptedly? Would not this involve the least labour, & wear & tear to yourself, in the end?

Sallie Holley and Miss Putnam arrived here today.

With sincere regard, Yours

Sam'l. May Jr.

P.S. We shall depend on seeing you at our State Annual Meeting, which will probably be on the 28th + 29th Jan. We will pay ~~what it~~ your expenses, equivalent to your travel from home & back again; — i.e.

Supposing you might be, about that time, at home, we will readily pay your expenses there & back; and if this should not be satisfactory, perhaps the Board would do more. Let us however see you here at that time.

Very truly Yours

Sam'l May Jr

P. S. A letter for you, to care R. F. W. have just come from some place in N. Y. — can't make out the P.O. Stamp. I am at a loss whether to retain, or mail it; for I know not when you will get this. You mention no P.O. for the next week, and I can only send to Cummington, as all else is conjecture.